

# DEFIANCE

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# JACKET DAYS

## A Nationally-Unique Career Readiness Event

Defiance College continued its strong commitment to workforce development by hosting its second annual Jacket Days on January 12-14. This was a multi-day, conference-style event focused on career readiness for Defiance College students. Jacket Days was held in-person for the students - with speakers and presenters being a mix of in-person and virtual.

Jacket Days provided Defiance College students with an opportunity to participate in career panels, discussion panels, and sessions. The career panels offered students a chance to ask questions and network with a wide variety of leading industry professionals from fields such as criminal justice, education, social work, medical science, and more.

The discussion panels allowed students to have in-depth conversations with various working professionals.

Discussion examples include "Wonder Women: Highlighting Women Working in Wrongful Conviction" and "Overcoming Imposter Syndrome" – which was focused on building confidence in the workplace.

Another key piece of DC's Jacket Days is the 30 sessions students could choose to attend. The sessions explored many career-related topics ranging from "What Gets You Out of Bed Every Day?" to "How Do You Solve Problems in the Workplace?" to "How Do Collegiate Athletics Lead to Success?" – which was led by former NBA player and current Big Ten Network commentator, Len Elmore.

"Our Jacket Days has really started to take off," says Defiance College president Dr. Richanne C. Mankey. "In 2020, due to pandemic-related issues, there was much uncertainty surrounding our inaugural Jacket Days. However, that was short-lived. Students and our

professional guests quickly became engaged in thought-provoking discussions; I saw that happen again this year. The amount of learning that takes place is truly incredible and a direct reflection of the dedication put into Jacket Days."

David Coleman was the opening keynote speaker. He is known worldwide as The Dating Doctor.™ He has been honored 14 times as The National Speaker of the Year — 11 times by Campus Activities Magazine and three times by The National Association for Campus Activities. He is the only speaker ever to win the National Entertainer of the Year Award. He has been a featured speaker for all branches of our Military as well as PURINA, Sprint, Merrill Lynch, The Kroger Company, and Federated. Coleman received a National Service Citation from President George W. Bush and has served as a spokesperson for the Intercontinental Hotel Group (IHG), Microsoft's Streets and Trips Campaign, Abbott Labs (Humira), English Leather Cologne, and Coca Cola's Fuze brand. Mortar Board honored him with their Alumni Achievement Award, and his alma mater, BGSU, gave him their Distinguished Alumni Award.

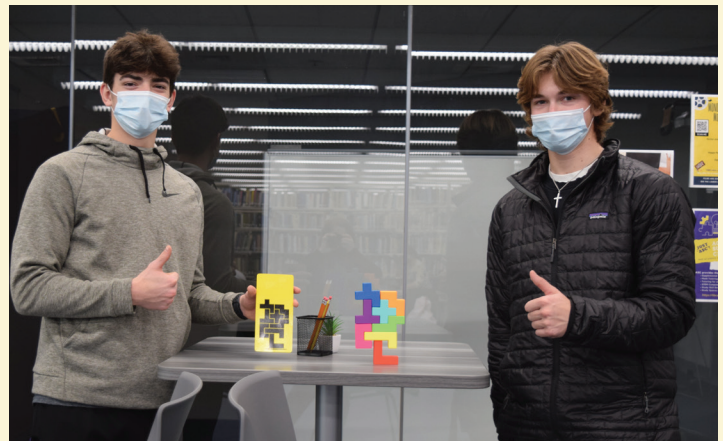
Each day began at 9:00 a.m. and continued through 4:00 p.m. with breaks, contests, and giveaways built-in to the event to help keep students engaged.

Jacket Days is built into the Jacket Journey program at DC. They are both a part of Defiance College's new Institute for Career Readiness and Lifelong Learning — which also houses the career development office. The DC Institute helps students strengthen their resumes, improve their job interview skills, find internships, and more. The College's Jacket Journey program aims to weave soft skill education into all aspects of campus life. Soft skill education includes having the ability to adapt, think creatively, and then clearly communicate ideas. This new Institute continually looks to improve on Defiance College's already impressive 98% career placement rate. ◆

JACKET DAYS '22



*Students also had plenty of time for stress relief and teambuilding*



# DC again recognized by national veteran organizations

Defiance College has been named a 2022-2023 Military Friendly® School. Institutions earning this designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-2023 survey with 665 earning special awards for going above the standard.



“Defiance College has made the transition to higher education for veterans and members of the Guard and Reserve a top priority,” says Jack Lawson, Defiance College’s veteran, transfer, and adult student support coordinator. “The Military Friendly® designation helps to assure members of the military that DC is an accredited school focused on offering a welcoming and supportive learning environment.”

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans. ◆

# Million dollar grant impacts DC STEM programs

Defiance College will receive a total of \$1,176,000 over the next five years in a grant awarded from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE). This grant is part of the Choose Ohio First (COF) initiative and one of the largest institutional grants in COF history. With the grant, Defiance College will recruit and support students in the STEM fields - science (including health professions), technology, engineering, and mathematics.

“Due to the strength of its proposal and the DeWine-Husted administration’s commitment to increasing STEM graduates in Ohio, I am happy to award this grant to Defiance College,” declares Randy Gardner, chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. “COF is meant to help grow the next generation of Ohio STEM scholars and industry leaders. This award allows schools like Defiance to offer scholarships to students from Ohio which in turn helps strengthen our state’s economy.”

Last year, Defiance College received a similar COF grant of \$749,840. In just three years, Defiance College has secured over \$2 million in ODHE grants as part of the COF initiative for STEM. The main purpose behind these grants is to help improve Ohio’s workforce development capacity and to help Ohio grow within the STEM industry.

“It is a great honor to, again, receive another substantial grant from the ODHE,” states Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, president of Defiance College. “This COF award is another acknowledgment of Defiance’s commitment to providing state-of-the-art STEM education and experiences to our students.” ◆





# OHIO TRI-RIVER ALLIANCE

## *DC at Center of Upper Maumee River Watershed Research*

The City of Defiance, Defiance College, and Senator Sherrod Brown worked together to secure funding to form the Ohio Tri-River Research Alliance (OTRA). The Alliance will receive \$500,000 in government funding to research systemic problems associated with the Upper Maumee River Watershed.

“This funding will help keep pollution out of the rivers and streams that provide drinking water to millions of Ohioans,” says Senator Brown. “Ohio’s Tri-River Alliance is doing important work to improve water quality in the Maumee River basin and ultimately Lake Erie. These are some of our state’s most vital resources, and that’s why we worked together to support these efforts.”

The Maumee River is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Defiance. In recent years, an abundance of nutrient runoff has led to harmful algal blooms. These algal blooms can be problematic for both drinking water treatment and managing the City’s water supply.

“The OTRA aims to address the underlying problem of nutrient runoff,” states Mike McCann, mayor of the City of Defiance. “This will be done through collaborative research, education, and training conducted by Defiance College faculty, staff, and students, and in direct partnership with experts from the City of Defiance.”

A Maumee River Data Research Center will be established at Defiance College. The Center, a truly collaborative effort, will address an important problem in the area through the substantial efforts of all constituents. Science and policy have contributed to the problem and now will contribute to its solution. The data collection and analysis will be valuable for the City of Defiance and regional stakeholders who benefit from the Upper Maumee River Watershed region.

“Our project will enhance the ability of Defiance College to benefit the entire Defiance community and directly align with the principles and priorities outlined in the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative,” says Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, president of Defiance College. “Our work focuses on reducing nonpoint source pollution from agriculture through improved effectiveness of management efforts.”

For years, Defiance College faculty and students have been conducting water quality research on the Upper Maumee River Watershed and Lake Erie. In addition to many others, DC researchers have studied the decline of the Lake Erie water quality since the mid-1990s. They have noticed that the declining water quality has contributed to more toxic blooms of algae as well as increased low-oxygen events. DC students

have recently conducted water quality research on the Maumee and Tiffin Rivers as part of the newly implemented STEM Summer Research Program (pictured).

As part of an inclusive local community alliance, high school students in Defiance County will also have opportunities to be a part of research initiatives that tackle issues directly attributable to the Defiance portion of the Upper Maumee River Watershed.

Harmful algal blooms impact more than drinking water; they also impact a watershed’s biodiversity. As algae grow and die, it then falls to the bottom of the river. As it dies, bacteria decompose it, depleting oxygen in the water. Marine life is then forced to relocate to more oxygenated water to survive.

“It is critically important for the College, City, and County to improve our local watershed data collection,” continues Dr. Mankey. “The data is equally important to farmers and agribusiness in our region to ensure best practices are incorporated. Students at the college and high school level also will benefit from learning about science in the field and how that translates to data analysis and solutions.”

The OTRA will be co-chaired by Defiance’s mayor and the College’s president. ◆

# Catholics ON Campus

*A Student  
Organization  
for All*



Catholics on Campus is a DC group that accepts everyone as they are. This student-led organization provides opportunities for fellowship, service, and retreats. They allow students to participate in a group with a sense of belonging, community, and faith. Everyone is welcome, not just Catholic students. They help students learn more about Catholicism and spend time with other students who wish to deepen their faith.

The Catholics on Campus organization tries to give back to the community as much as they can. They have teamed up with St. Mary's food pantry and last year they gave 60 families bags of food. Another major function is a Halloween party and meal at the Path Center here in Defiance. The Catholics on Campus receive funding from a grant from the diocese. Teagan Hunt, from Perrysburg, Ohio, is a freshman at DC and vice president of Catholics on Campus. She says, "We are planning lots of new and fun activities for the future, and I can't wait to see what's to come!"

The Catholics on Campus come together through many different events. The most frequent is a Bible study/fellowship every Wednesday. Students describe this as

"faith sharing with assistance from scripture." They go to mass together once a month in the Defiance community and then go out to eat afterward. Catholics on Campus work to coordinate a Lenten service with St. Mary's Deacon and DC alum, George Newton. Every January, they also organize a bus trip for the "March for Life" in Washington D.C.

Will Garlock, from Lima, Ohio, is a junior at DC and president of Catholics on Campus. Will adds, "The Catholic's on Campus group is my favorite thing here at DC. Sure, I love playing football and working with the basketball team, but the family that I am in with the Catholic's on Campus group is one of a kind. We all come from different places and different ways to practice our faith, and I love that."

This group is always making more traditions and creating new activities. Kris Knight, the group's staff advisor, says this group is very fluid. They meet students where they're at in their spiritual journey. With new students joining constantly, Kris works to keep Catholics on Campus fresh by talking with the members and creating new traditions and events. ◆



# Pay it Forward - The Tradition Continues

## *Students Fundraise to Aid Individuals and Families in Henry County*

Students from Defiance College's social work Macro Practice class conducted their annual Pay It Forward initiative during the fall semester. The course directly impacts community needs by awarding financial assistance. This year, eight seniors in the class awarded \$1,600 to PiLLars of Success - an organization that helps homeless individuals and families find transitional housing in Henry County.

PiLLars of Success plans to use the money to purchase home survival kits. The kits often contain such items as: first aid supplies, thermometers, plungers, sewing kits, home tools, cleaning supplies, and more.

"Our kits allow people to have home essentials without having to take money away from the rent," says Linda Krauskopf of PiLLars of Success. "For families in poverty, most of these supplies in our home survival kits would be last on their shopping lists."

Barb Hoffman adds, "We teach the families to use the kits as well. People assume that adults have skills they may not actually have. For example, if you have never been taught to use a sewing kit, then the kit would just go unused."

For 12 years, the DC class has awarded nearly \$25,000 to address needs of transportation, hunger, unemployment, poverty, education, youth mentorship, and cultural understanding in northwest Ohio. With steps embedded in the curriculum, students conduct a five-county community assessment, prepare requests for grant proposals, send RFPs to various non-profit social service agencies, and award grants to applicants that best address the identified community need.

Originally, this project began in 2008 with funding through the Pay It Forward student-led philanthropy program led by Ohio and Kentucky Campus Compacts, and later with the support of the Women's Giving Circle of Defiance. In recent years, the class has raised its own funds through a number of events such as raffles, bake sales, campus activities, and donation solicitation.

This year, Drop Zone Pizzeria played a significant part by selling pizzas to help fundraise. In a wonderful form of collaboration, many of the pizzas were created by Ayersville High School National Honor Society students.



# CLASS NOTES

James F. Hiler '58 - He and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 57 years and have two sons and a grandson. Retired twice; once from the federal government and once from the Northrop German Corporation. Received his Masters in Government Administration from George Washington University in 1970.

Joan LeFeber Sauer '64 - retired from 36 plus years of education, and is about to become a snowbird in Watersound, Florida.

Robert Rankin '65 - retired, loves to travel, and has been in all 50 states and six providences of Canada.

John Terry '65 - in his 52nd year of ordained ministry, living and working on Cape Cod.

William Herrlich '66 - served in the United States Air Force until 1972. After, was principal for 28 years at D'Iberville Elementary in North Biloxi, and served eight years in the city council. Currently retired and living in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Anne Partchey Schroer-Lamont, Ph.D. '67 - is playing clarinet in Washington and Lee University Wind Ensemble, also plays clarinet for Taize services at Grace Episcopal Church, and sings second soprano in Chancel Choir. She has traveled internationally with both organizations.

John Lambert '71 and his wife, Mary Ann, attended their first Army-Navy game in December and the midshipman pulled off the offset. John's dad, uncle and father-in-law all served in the Navy in WWII but they support all veterans.

Wade Marbaugh '71 - Has had his three plays, American Apartheid, When Ali Came Back and All Over This Land,

performed at the Paula Vaughn Theater in Conyers, Georgia. He is currently in the process of converting the plays into a television series.

Joanne Jennings '72 - retired and enjoying life with five grandchildren. Her first grandchild is attending Suny Cortland majoring in psychology and her youngest grandchild just started kindergarten.

Dr. Quentin R. Johnson '75 - has been inducted into the Marquis Who's Who. Individuals are profiled on the basis of current reference value, factors that are included in that are position, noteworthy accomplishments, and prominence in the field. Due to his accomplishments, he has been featured in the Wall Street Journal and has been interviewed by several news outlets.

Shaune Skinner '75 - owns ASC group in Columbus, Ohio and recently purchased Auxano Environmental. The combined companies will operate as ASC/ Auxano in the Federal market and will maintain their certifications as a woman-owned small business. With the expansion, they can now serve the Continental United States for military contracts.

Dr. Carol J. Weingart '76 - retired, spends winters in the Dominican Republic where she volunteers in a free medical clinic, and spends summers near lake George, NY as a camp RN. Also works part time at Cracker Barrel in retail, and quilts.

Phil Mallott '78 - honored by the Westerville Rotary Club with Monroe Courtright Volunteer Service award for his 20 plus years of service to others. In his acceptance speech he recognized his father as the greatest influence in his life.

Tara Dyer '79 - was featured in Marion Made for her work to improve the quality of life for the citizens in her community. She is passionate about homelessness and

housing, and is working on the Nia House, an outreach facility for homeless youth.

Vicki (Ramus) Smith '81- retired in November 2019 as office manager at Saint Casper Catholic Church.

Jeff Hagg '82- currently the turf specialist at Xavier University. Had an article published in December 2020 in SportsField Management magazine, "The benefits of Salicylic Acid."

William Epling '83 - named the Summacare president in July of 2021. He has worked in the health-care delivery and managed-care industries for 30 plus years.

Daniel Daugherty '84 - was appointed Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge in July 2021.

Bradley Hales '86 - the director of Renewal Ministries for the North American Lutheran Church, and remains the pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpeper, Virginia.

Johnny L. Reeser '86 - became a Deacon at Friendship Baptist Church, finished Theology school, and became ordained in 2014. He is still serving the church.

Richard L. Schell '86 - entered the United States Army and retired as a full Colonel, spent a year in Korea and Vietnam. Subbed, and was a principal of Bryan, OH. Retired from Ohio State Highway patrol. Turned 92 on January 9, 2021.

Michael Wiley '86 - retired after 33 years in education, was a history teacher and later a principal of all levels.

Kenny Krouse '87 - Tinora High School football coach was the featured speaker at the first Northwest Ohio Men's Fellowship in 2020 where he spoke about his dad's integrity as a coach and mentor to young men and a role model to his family.



Dr. Von Plessner '88 - received the Emeritus Award in 2019 from Northwest State Community College.

Jim Martin '88 - After 25 years, he left his position as a sergeant with Lorain County Sheriff's Office to become an investigator.

Carol Eschhofen '96 - published a children's book *Writin' & Hecklin* which takes place at the historic Hay Jay one-room schoolhouse in Williams County.

Shawn Eyer '96 - accepted a position with the American Operation of room AG, as director, brand, and communications.

Scott Truelove '96 - received the Barbara K. Beadle Apple Award. Scott has been teaching for 25 years in Ohio and Indiana, as well as serving as an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. He is also Chapter Advisor for his students involved Business Professionals of America and an Executive Board Member of the Indiana Association of Business.

Chris Lewis '98 - earned his doctoral degree in education from Western Illinois University, and is currently the High School Principal at Rochelle Township High School in Rochelle, Illinois.

Amber Herbert '99 - received the Peacemaker Award from the Tiffin-Seneca Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community celebration committee.

Travis Cooper '02 - was named the 34th Defiance High School football coach, after coaching at Bryan and Wauseon.

Kris Lymanstall '02 - was named the Tinora High school boys basketball coach.

Juan Vela '04 - was named the 2021 All-Blade girls basketball coach of the year from Fremont Ross

Eric Tipton '07 - was named the Tinora Elementary principal; he previously served as fourth-grade teacher at Tinora Elementary for ten years.

Josh Wade '09 - named the head football coach of Bowling Green High School.

Michelle (Carlisle) Schomburg '10 - attending Purdue Fort Wayne as a grad student to get a Masters in English.

Kristi Barnd '11 - is serving as chief executive officer at Henry County Hospital.

Josh Stuckey '11 - was appointed to be the next Fremont High School boys basketball coach. He previously served as the seventh-grade boys coach.

Treasure (Bacon) Sullivan '12 - married on October 26, 2019 to Brandon Sullivan.

Crystal (Brewer) Messner '13 - serving as chief audit executive at Bi-state Development in St. Louis. Also served two terms as vice president of membership and certifications for the Institute of Internal Auditors Phoenix Chapter and working for the State of Arizona.

Erica Noggle '13 - named the new Paulding Chamber of Commerce director.

Zac Lechler '14 - named the 2020 Kentucky Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Federation of the State High School Association in Indianapolis.

Mollee (Galloway) Nunez '14 and husband Luiyi Nunez announce the birth of Vivienne Elyse Nunez born on November 2, 2021 and was 6 lbs, 3 oz and 20 inches long.

Casey Gibson '15 - recognized as the Solution Engineer of the Year Award through Jobvite.

Sean Washington '15 - named the new head football coach at Pine Ridge High School Pine Ridge, Florida.

Chelsea (Bell) Webber '15 - accepted a position as a digital forensic analyst at "Digital Forensics Corporation" in Cleveland.

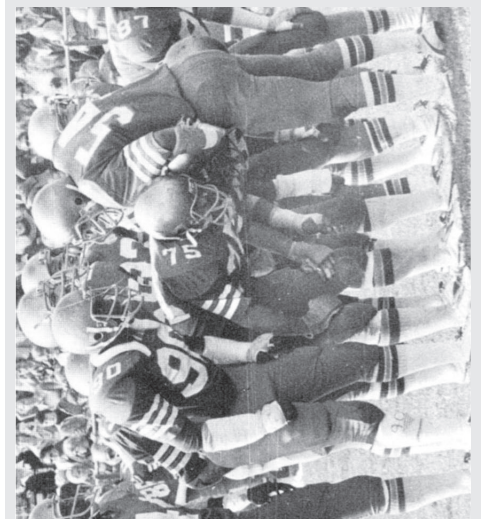
Caitlin Asbaugh '16 - completed her masters in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati in 2019.

Courtney Alexander '17 and Michael Smith '17 - married October 16, 2020, and Michael's best man was Cody Maye, '15. They currently live in Mayfield Heights, OH with their rescued dog, Frosty.

Madi Bowman '20 - nominated for the NCAA Women of the Year by the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. In 2019, she was awarded the DC's Female Purple and Gold Distinguished Athlete Award.

# HOMECOMING - 2022

## September 30 - October 1



# Deaths

\*by name denotes military

Helen P. Jump '49  
January 23, 2021 – Killingworth, CT

\*Norman Hockman '50  
May 6, 2020 – Maryville, TN

\*Russel D. Oxender '50  
September 12, 2021 – Tucson, AZ

Robert A. Storrer '50  
August 16, 2020 – Bryan, OH

William C. Fast III '51  
August 17, 2020 – Van Wert, OH

\*Hurlburt (Herb) C. Geller '51  
April 16, 2020 – Needham, MA

Gerald E. Mallott '51  
December 12, 2020 – Defiance, OH

Garnet M. Smith '51  
November 4, 2021 – Sherwood, OH

Mary J. Garfield '52  
March 30, 2017 – Grand Rapids, MI

Elizabeth Retterbush '53  
June 29, 2020 – Dayton, OH

M. Jean Woolery '53  
December 31, 2020 – Troy, OH

Shirley E. Fritz '54  
February 15, 2021 – Bryan, OH

Charlotte Elizabeth Decker '55  
July 2, 2017 – Warwick, RI

James Luallen '55  
August 14, 2021 – Tampa, FL

Frieda S. Shepard '57  
November 26, 2021 – Owensboro, KY

\*Dick R. Kirkendall '58  
January 23, 2021 – Van Wert, OH

Mary L. (Van Poppel) Klear '58  
August 12, 2020 – North Creek, OH

\* Robert E. Brown '59  
March 22, 2021 – Defiance, OH

William E. Mapes '59  
October 15, 2021 – Scottsdale, AZ

John R. Reck '59  
January 28, 2021 – Covington, OH

Caroline M. Winters '59  
February 11, 2021 – Clearwater, FL

Paul R. Yoder '59  
October 6, 2021 – Rossford, OH

David Burnside '60  
October 15, 2021 – Chelsea, MI

Jerry P. Walsh '60  
December 5, 2020 – Bryan, OH

Larry Dean Bracken '61  
July 25, 2021 – Van Wert, OH

Judith L. Burnside '61  
July 16, 2020 – Chelsea, MI

Rena M. Trautman '61  
March 27, 2020 – South Point, OH

Steven Joseph Verkin '62  
April 9, 2020 – Perrysburg, OH

Larry L. Haver '63  
March 25, 2020 – Hicksville, OH

Barbara Ann Payne '63  
May 23, 202 – Hicksville, OH

Sally Louann Cline '64  
April 24, 2020 – Upper Macungie  
Township, PA

\*William Cline '64  
August 20, 2020 – Allentown, PA

Jane Kaye (Wellman) Shock '64  
November 7, 2020 – Toledo, OH

Thomas E. Wick '64  
September 25, 2020 – Sidney, OH

Charles R. Hamilton '65  
September 16, 2021 – Jefferson, OH

Barbara (Gearhart) Martin '65  
December 28, 2021 – St. Augustine, FL

William H. Buttermore '66  
June 2, 2021 – Tucson, AZ

Gregory J. Chase '66  
March 7, 2021 – Venice, FL

Karen McComas Ellis '67  
December 16, 2020 – South Park, ME

James (Jim) David Gorham '67  
June 25, 2021 – Dayton, OH

Gary William Scherger '67  
April 9, 2020 – Defiance, OH

Robert "Bob" C. Tadsen '67  
April 9, 2021 – Archbold, OH

Jim Van Benschoten '67  
November 8, 2021 – Saugerties, NY

Robert C. Godenswager '68  
October 19, 2019 – Cleveland, OH

Rebecca Rothenbuhler '68  
June 9, 2021 – Maumee, OH

\*Tom Walz '68  
December 1, 2020 – Meridian, ID

Raymond "Ray" George Fesmier '69  
June 5, 2020 – Mansfield, OH

Karen M. (Keysor) Straley '69  
May 3, 2021 – Defiance, OH

Bruce M. Saulnier '69  
March 21, 2021 – Cheshire, CT

Doug Hyman '70  
August 10, 2020 – Lima, OH

\*Lynn Keller '70  
April 14, 2021 – Defiance, OH

Marci D. Reimund '70  
March 26, 2019 – Powell, OH

Michael Lee Davidson '71  
May 13, 2021 – Columbia, TN

Susan Carol Dwight '71  
February 27, 2021 – Toledo, OH

Karen E. (Coplin) Farlee '71  
August 27, 2020 – Defiance, OH

Joan M. (Hiatt) Gearing '71  
November 7, 2020 – Defiance, OH

Kenneth R. Krueger '71  
February 23, 2021 – Berea, OH

David E. Schumm '71  
October 16, 2020 – New Hill, NC

\*Jeffrey N. Tolford Sr. '71  
September 20, 2020 – Powell, OH

James C. Van Horne '72  
May 3, 2021 – Johnstown, NY

Francis E. (Frank) Barron '73  
July 18, 2020 – Branford, CT

Leon J. Kransler Jr. '73  
September 1, 2020 – Caledonia, NY

Mark W. Stone '73  
June 29, 2021 – Tampa, FL

Kathy Jo Bergman '75  
January 5, 2022 – Cecil, OH

John David Steel '75  
June 14, 2021 – Sebring, FL

Kim D. (McMurray) Rhodes '76  
March 12, 2022 - Columbus, OH

Doyle Howard Delph '78  
May 24, 2021 – Millersville, MD

Michael Moyer '78  
September 5, 2021 – Port Charlotte, FL

Brent Ommert '78  
February 13, 2022 - Saint Cloud, FL

Fairy Faith Riter '78  
April 20, 2020 – Stryker, OH

Susan L. Wagner '81  
June 4, 2021 – Bluffton, OH

Timothy Wade Weible '81  
February 23, 2022 – Defiance, OH

Cheri Kay (Leonard) Dix '82  
July 30, 2021- Woodinville, WA

Barbara Jane Lindsey Drake Oliver '82  
June 20, 2021 – Perrysburg, OH

Cynthia Rose Copeland '83  
August 6, 2020 – Springfield, OH

Brian D. "Doug" Wiles '83  
August 24, 2021 – Defiance, OH

Kristina E. Kovalik '85  
May 23, 2021 – Sandusky, OH

Marilyn J. Gulker '86  
November 14, 2021 – Ottawa, OH

Allen James Shiningher '86  
March 21, 2021 – Cecil, OH

Joseph W. Hohenberger '87  
April 23, 2019 – Harrisburg, IL

Deborah Knigga '88  
October 10, 2020 – Lawrenceburg, IN

Loretta Neff '89  
July 30, 2020 – West Palm Beach, FL

Mark W. Millie '89  
March 1, 2022 – Edwardsburg, MI

Mary Jo Scheitlin '90  
September 17, 2021 – Leo, IN

Holly L. Kobee '95  
July 27, 2020 – Antwerp, OH

Wyatt Vaughn '97  
September 10, 2021 – Holland, OH

Mark L. Ensign '02  
February 18, 2022 – Defiance, OH

Terry F. Foust '03  
April 25, 2018 – Kentwood, MI

Chad L. Goff '03  
April 13, 2021 – Defiance, OH

Richard James Jackman '05  
July 27, 2020 – Defiance, OH

## Faculty

James Birk  
March 30, 2020 – McAllen, TX

\*William O'Toole  
April 16, 2021 – Defiance, OH

M. Jerry Weiss  
March 12, 2021 – Montclair, NJ

## Students Remove Invasive Shrubs



As part of DC's Restoration Ecology program, students and professor Dr. Linda Tucker Serniak are working with the Black Swamp Conservancy to allow students to get hands-on experience with real restoration projects in the area.

Recently, they went to the Forrest Woods Preserve near Cecil, Ohio, to remove Autumn Olive, a highly invasive shrub that grows thick and excludes native species.

Forrest Woods is the Black Swamp Conservancy's largest owned nature preserve, and they have been doing a lot of work to convert agricultural land there into functioning wetland habitats. A section of the preserve is a remnant of the Great Black Swamp and is home to 39 rare, threatened, and endangered species.

The class will be returning to Forrest Woods this semester to remove Bush Honeysuckle, another invasive shrub common in the area, and to help remove tree tubes from a planting done a few years ago.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# Remember when...

